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REMARKS

Applicants cancel withdrawn claims 3-14, 17-20, and 22-23. Applicants amend pending claims 1-2, 15-16, 21, and 24 for clarification. No new matter has been added.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate acceptance of the drawings.

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Claims 1-2, 15-16, 21, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,782,088 to Gabara. Applicants amend the rejected claims in a good faith effort to clarify the invention as distinguished from Gabara, and respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner conducted a brief telephone interview on September 5, 2006 with Applicants' undersigned representative, Mr. Dexter Chang, Reg. No. 44,071. Applicants and Mr. Chang thank the Examiner for his time and consideration. During the interview, Mr. Chang proposed clarifying amendments to more clearly recite the claimed invention as distinguished from Gabara.

Mr. Chang submitted, and the Examiner agreed, that Gabara, as cited and relied upon by the Examiner, fails to disclose,

"[a] communication service information providing method comprising the steps of:

receiving a call, which is transmitted from a calling subscriber to a called subscriber that subscribes to a plurality of communication services, said call being used to select one of the plurality of communication services; and

providing information related to another communication service subscribed to by the called subscriber with respect to the calling subscriber without connecting by the other communication service, the provided information being usable for selecting said another communication service when the selected communication service is in a non-connectable state," as recited in claim 1.

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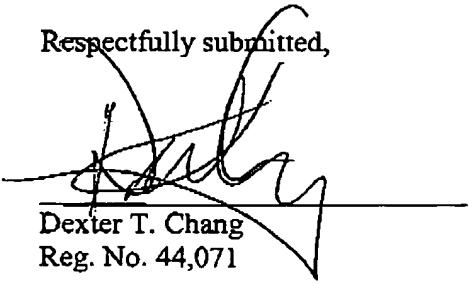
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Gabara for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 2, 15-16, 21, and 24 incorporate features that correspond to those of claim 1 cited above, and are, therefore, patentable over Gabara for at least the same reasons.

The above statements on the disclosure in the cited reference represent the present opinions of the undersigned attorney. The Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically indicate those portions of the reference that provide the basis for a view contrary to any of the above-stated opinions.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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